the prescribed standards, a report submitted by the Environment Protection and Control Authority to the Supreme Court indicates that as much as 26 per cent adulteration is taking place at the petrol pumps in the country. We also know that there is no credible mechanism to check adulteration. The report clearly says that the oil companies are not following the instructions prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards. How is the Ministry going to check adulteration that is likely to take place in private retail marketing outlets, on which the Government has no control?

SHRI RAM NAIK: Sir, so far as marketing service obligations are concerned, we shall ensure that till the Bill becomes an Act, Petroleum Ministry will work as a regulator. In the marketing service obligations, we shall ensure that those who give their proposal that also includes the far-flug areas, remote areas and low service areas. So, their widespread proposal would be taken into consideration, as a matter of rule; and it would be ensured that customers get uninterrupted supply of all types of auto fuels. That is one aspect.

So far as adulteration is concerned, we are on the move. We have, in the Petroleum Ministry, a separate directorate known as Anti-Adulteration Directorate. The State Governments also, through the Essential Services act, can take action. We have also established separate mobile laboratories — now there are about 50 such laboratories all over India. These are the various methods by which we are trying to curb adulteration. It has been reduced, but I must admit that it goes on and it would be our endeavour to ensure that the customers get unadulterated fuel.

Restricted operations of airports in A.P.

*507. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the airports in Andhra Pradesh which operate between sunrise to sunset only;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to make all these or some of them operational for 24 hours to increase air traffic in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The following airports in Andhra Pradesh are currently operating from sunrise to sunset only, due to poor air traffic and lack of requirements from airlines for night operations.

Vishakhapatnam (Naval Airport),

Tirupati,

Vijayawada,

Rajahmundri.

(c) and (d) There are plans to provide night landing facilities at Vishakhapatnam and Tirupati airports, in view of anticipated requirement for night operations.

DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Sir, this is the reply we expect from the Minister, and every time, the Minister repeats the same reply. Now, the thing is, unless you open the shop, how can you expect business? Sir, Vishakhapatnam, Tirupati, Vijayawada and Rajahmundry are the stations for which I am asking for 24 hour operations. But, unfortunately, for Tirupati and Vishakhapatnam, you are running flights for eight hours, but you have completely stopped your service to Rajahmundry and Vijayawada. Unless you repose confidence in the people, whereby regularity and periodicity of flights are maintained, how could you expect business from there? I want to know whether the Government is serious about running flight services to Vishakhapatnam, Tirupati, Rajahmundry and Vijayawada. *(Interruptions)* Are you serious about it? I am also putting my second supplementary because I have no time. *(Interruptions)* by which time you are going to start it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.